

Little Traverse Bay Bands of Odawa Indians
Appropriations and Finance Committee
Meeting Minutes
October 3, 2007

Call to order at 1:32 p.m.

Roll Call: Treasurer Shirley Oldman, Councilor Alice Yellowbank, Treasurer Gerald V. Chingwa.

Staff Attendance: Legislative Office Manager Michele LaCount, Donna L. Budnick, Legislative Services Attorney, Chief Financial Officer Valerie Tweedie

Guests: Tribal Councilor Dexter McNamara, Tribal Councilor Melvin L. Kiogima

Motion made by Councilor Yellowbank and supported by Councilor Oldman to adopt the agenda with additions.

Vote: 3 yes, 0 no, 0 abstained, 0 absent

Motion Carried.

Review of the Budget Formulation Process draft statute.

Review of the Tribal Constitutional Powers and Duties, Appropriations, Revenue and Budgets list.

Review of the Appropriations of Supplemental Funding Procedure Policy draft.

2:36 p.m. Public Comment opened: Beatrice A. Law talked about the clinic regarding prescription maintenance and closing during the lunch hour. Gerald V. Chingwa talked of Tribal Citizen's complaints regarding the removal of food venue discounts. Michele LaCount talked about per cap rumor and asked if we have the resolution in place for the end of the year disbursement. LaCount also asked what happens to unspent funds regarding the dentist vacancy.

2:55 p.m. Public Comment closed.

2:55 p.m. Recess called.

3:07 p.m. Meeting reconvened.

Discussion resumed regarding the Appropriations of Supplemental Funding Procedure Policy draft and necessary steps and/or documents that need to be put in place to support it.

Discussion regarding the creation of a law giving purpose authority to Resolutions and the possible need for an "Appropriations Resolution", being the fourth standard type of

Resolution that would not include the Tribal Chairman signature, as appropriating funding is a duty of Tribal Council.

The Priority funding Allocation Resolution for FY 2009 was reviewed for changes.

Motion made by Councilor Oldman and supported by Councilor Yellowbank to approve the Priority funding Allocation Resolution for 2009 Fiscal Year and to send to Tribal Council.

Vote: 3 yes, 0 no, 0 abstained, 0 absent

Motion Carried.

4:30 p.m. Councilor Yellowbank left the meeting.

4:30 p.m. Recess called.

4:35 p.m. Meeting reconvened.

The next Appropriations and Finance Committee meeting will be on October 24, 2007 at 1:30 p.m. in Room 312.

Chief Financial Officer Valerie Tweedie will break down the Homecoming Powwow 2007 Budget to its true numbers and have it available for the next meeting.

The Stipend and Compensation Statute was discussed and will be brought back at the next meeting for review.

The Gaming Board of Directors stipend and travel was reviewed.

Legislative Leader Law asked the Chief Financial Officer Valerie Tweedie if the Committee could receive a copy of the casino wage grid.

Councilor Oldman requested Barry Crowell Director of finance for the Casino attends the next Appropriations and Finance Committee meeting.

Budget survey questions moved to the next agenda.

Discussion regarding Bell's Fishery and the request for funding. The Chief Financial Officer Valerie Tweedie questioned the resolution that came with the request as it states it is a loan from the Tribal government but also contradicts with language indication that the request is for an appropriation.

Discussion regarding the Executive Budget; and prior period funding requests and how property taxes are being paid.

Discussion regarding money being ear-marked for land acquisitions, how prior period funds work and how those funds can be applied to land acquisition.

Resolution for \$5,000 for Holy Childhood was discussed as an example of what should come to the Appropriations and Finance Committee prior to coming to Tribal Council as a request for appropriation.

Motion made by Councilor Oldman and supported by Treasurer Chingwa to adjourn at 5:33 p.m.

2-yes, 0- no, 0-abstained, 1-absent (Councilor Yellowbank).

Motion Carried.

These Minutes have been read and approved as written:

Approved:

Gerald V. Chingwa, Tribal Council Treasurer

Date: